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Responsive to reply brief filed on 11/16/2005.

The reply brief filed on 11/16/2005 is acknowledged and entered.

The status of the claims after entry of reply brief is below:

Claims 1-43 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-43 are on appeal; claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; claims 1-6, 20-21, 26-27, 31, 34-36, and 40-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mimura et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,557,031); and claims 7-19, 22-25, 28-30, 32-33, and 37-39 are objected over the prior art of record as being dependent upon a rejected base claims.

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